

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is to insert the reference to the parent application of which this is a Non-provisional. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. A marked-up copy of the title section having the bracketed additions and stricken deletions is enclosed to reflect these amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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[TITLE OF THE INVENTION]

Positive Electrode Active Material For Alkaline Storage Batteries,
And Positive Electrode And Alkaline Storage Battery Using
DESCRIPTION

The Same

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

~~POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE~~

~~BATTERIES, AND POSITIVE ELECTRODE AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY~~

~~USING THEREOF~~

This application is a continuation of International Application No.
PCT/JP01/04242, filed May 21, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated
herein by reference.]
Technical Field

The present invention relates to a positive
electrode active material for alkaline storage batteries, and
also a positive electrode and alkaline storage battery using
thereof.

Background Art

In recent years, the capacity density of a positive
electrode for an alkaline storage battery has been
significantly increased by improvements of the substrate shape,
active material shape, active material composition and
additives. At present, a positive electrode having a capacity
density of around 600 mAh/cc has been put into practical
application.

However, equipments using an alkaline storage
battery as a power source demand further improvements of the
high-rate discharge characteristic and output.

In order to improve the high-rate discharge
characteristic, conventionally, there have been considered a
method of improving the current collecting efficiency of the

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